

Xiomáro: 2012 Visiting Artist

New York photographer and former Artist-in-Residence Xiomáro has been named Weir Farm NHS's 2012 Visiting Artist. In addition to displaying his work in the Burlingham House Visitor Center, he has already conducted multiple gallery talks for the public, and will continue to be an advocate for Weir Farm NHS.

While Xiomáro studied art history, painting, and drawing in college, he would spend much of his early career in the music and entertainment industry. He always possessed a passion for photography, and soon found that he "was drawn to the solitary peace of wandering the landscape and photographing it." Whereas the music industry requires vast levels of collaboration, photography could be a more personal endeavor, with "no one to hold [you] back."

Xiomáro first arrived at Weir Farm NHS in March 2011, at the start of his month-long stay as an Artist-in-Residence. He spent his time photographing the landscape in



Stained glass window in Weir House, © Xiomáro, 2011

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transition from late winter to early spring, and compiled his photographs into an exhibit for the Burlingham House Visitor Center, *Weir Farm - 'The Great Good Place.'* Impressed with his work, Weir Farm NHS commissioned Xiomáro to return to the park and photograph the interiors of the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio during the summer of 2011. All three structures are in the midst of a multi-phase restoration, which has necessitated the removal of all interior furnishings. This offered Xiomáro the chance to focus on the details of these spaces -- features that might otherwise go unnoticed in a fully-furnished setting. As the first artistic collection of photographs of these historic structures ever created, a selection of the images will be on display at Weir Farm NHS through the end of May. The exhibit, titled *Weir Was Here - Secret Rooms, Doors, and Windows* offers visitors a glimpse into the Weir House and studios while they remain closed to the public. Xiomáro has recently embarked on a similar mission at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, New York, where he has been commissioned to create an artistic collection of photographs of President Theodore Roosevelt's home.

Xiomáro's photographs have been instrumental in bringing a bit of Weir Farm NHS to not only the surrounding community, but the nation at large. A version of his *Weir Was Here* exhibit is



Xiomáro conducting a recent gallery talk for visitors to his *Weir Was Here* exhibit.

currently on display in the newly-renamed "Weir Room" in Senator Joseph Lieberman's Washington, DC office; similar versions will soon be dedicated in the offices of Senator Richard Blumenthal and Congressman Jim Himes. Later this year, you can see two of Xiomáro's photographs alongside a handful of other Artists-in-Residence from national parks across the country in the online multimedia exhibition, *Through Your Eyes*, comprised of works inspired by national park settings. "It's a privilege for me to have free access to one of the most significant landscapes in American art," said Xiomáro reflecting on his experiences at Weir Farm NHS, "hopefully, like J. Alden Weir, my work will stand the test of time."